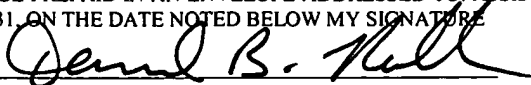


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Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) within which to respond to the Office Action mailed April 16, 2001. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed with this document.


Please charge the extension fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 07-1765. The undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge to Deposit Account No. 07-1765 any additional fees which are deemed to be required, and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1765.

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